

MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12th JUNE 2008

AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Present

Councillors - Michael Andrews – Acting Chairman, John Bagnall, Colin Booth,

Clerk - Jessica Mathews

1. Apologies

Councillors Alan Sykes – Chairman, Kay Kirkham,
District Councillor Margaret Eaton

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Public Question Time

No questions.

4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 15th May 2008

Resolved. The minutes, of the meetings held on 15th May 2008, are a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Booth and seconded by Cllr Andrews.

The minutes were signed by Cllr Mike Andrews, acting as Chairman on Cllr Sykes' behalf.

5. Parish Logo

A new parish logo has been adopted. The Cllrs were very impressed by the high standard of entries from the school children. A photo was published in the Keighley News.

6. Harden in Bloom

Cllr Andrews bought the flowers agreed at a previous meeting, spending £149.78 (Vat £26.22). He and his wife Margaret planted them outside the post office. The Harden in Bloom team helped out and weeded the bottom bed and asked that Cllrs who wish meet the In Bloom judges at the beginning of July. Cllr Booth has offered to help out with the weeding again.

7. Parish Plan

Chris Murdoch continues to meet local groups to find out their opinions on the area. A presentation was given by the Harden Primary school children on traffic and road safety. They recommended a 20mph limit in front of the school, a car park and a new pedestrian crossing.

Cllr Bagnall highlighted that the Council is keen to listen to the local teenage point of view and identify the issues that are important to them.

8. Ireland Bridge and Airport Money

Issues to be solved regarding Ireland Bridge are as follows:

- a) English Heritage have various requirements that must be met
- b) Yorkshire Electricity have cables across the bridge that need to be excavated and investigated
- c) Yorkshire Water mains have to be removed and relocated
- d) Environment Agency have to complete support work in the river

In total the bridge will be closed for 16 weeks and this will be done during the summer months. The works will cost £1million and will not begin before April 2009.

Cllrs commented that there must be good advance notice of the bridge closure and alternative arrangements, diversion etc must be published in time and so as to reach as many as is possible.

There is no news regarding the airport money and Cllrs expressed concern that they did not know what had happened to their request for a flashing sign to aid traffic calming in the village.

Cllr Andrews will reply to Cllr Eaton (who provided the updates) and ask for further information. He will express the Cllrs concerns for the impact of the bridge closure on the local community.

9. Payments for Approval

Cllr Bagnall provided an update on the most recent payments. Approval of last year's accounts was also agreed, (Ref 9a meeting 12.6.08), of which the documents for the external auditors were signed and dated by Cllr Andrews (Statement of Accounts) as acting Chairman and the Clerk (Annual Governance Statement).

10. Correspondence

Correspondence received as follows:

- a) YHA Summary of Board meeting
- b) YLCA Chair training
- c) YLCA Standing orders instructions (to be agreed next meeting)
- d) Terms of reference for the Internal Auditor

12. Planning Applications

A meeting is to be arranged on Cllr Kirkham's return.

15. Date of next meeting

To be held at 7.30pm, 10th July 2008 in Harden Primary School. The Acting Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.35pm